

Meeting of 2000-5-1 Two Special Meetings

MINUTES  
LAWTON CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
MAY 1, 2000 - 8:30 A.M.  
WAYNE GILLEY CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER

Mayor Cecil E. Powell,      Also Present:  
Presiding      Bill Baker, City Manager  
                 John Vincent, City Attorney  
                 Brenda Smith, City Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. Invocation was given by Mayor Powell followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Notice of meeting and agenda were posted on the City Hall notice board as required by State Law.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:   G. Wayne Smith, Ward One  
              James H. Hanna, Ward Two  
              Glenn Devine, Ward Three  
              John Purcell, Ward Four  
              Robert Shanklin, Ward Five  
              Charles Beller, Ward Six  
              Stanley Haywood, Ward Seven  
              Randy Warren, Ward Eight

ABSENT:   None.

1.   Comments - Current Administration.

Warren thanked the voters of Ward 8 who honored him with the privilege of serving them, as well as the City of Lawton, for the last four years. He said he had enjoyed working with and was proud to have been associated with the present Council representatives, the City Manager, as well as representatives and employees who are no longer serving in the City government, such as Mayor Marley, Gil Schumpert, Jody Maples, Jeff Sadler, Richard Williams and Joe Dutcher, and the late Cookie Green. He thanked the City Clerk and her office and all staff members for the effort that they put forward to help him do his job in a more efficient way. Warren thanked the City employees for the tremendous job they do on a day to day basis, and offered his support.

Warren thanked his family for allowing him the freedom to serve in this capacity for the last four years. He said there are many hours taken from your home and business life when you serve on the Council and without the support of his family and his business he would not have been able to serve.

Mayor Powell presented a plaque to Warren in appreciation for his service to the City.

Beller thanked the entire City staff and City Council and said he felt they had worked together pretty well. He said you heard the word "dissention" a few times and it was not as much dissention as it was debate, and the new members will find that you do get involved in passionate discussion of heated issues. Beller encouraged the new administration to have the retreat that had been discussed previously. He said he felt this Council has worked well together and that progress has been made in the last few years. Beller said he thought under the leadership of Mayor Powell more positive things would emerge. He said we need to work together as a team and hoped they could leave as a team, and some team members may have given more than other team members but we were a good team in working with staff.

Beller said Bill Kennard had called him a thousand times in the last four years and he is a very knowledgeable person about what has happened in the City in the past and he wants to be involved in what will happen in the future. He said he felt Mrs. Moeller would be an excellent Council person.

Mayor Powell presented a plaque to Beller in appreciation of his service to the City.

2.   Declare Current Administration to Cease - Mayor Powell.

Mayor Powell declared the current administration to cease.

3.   Administration of Constitutional and Statutory Oaths of Office - Municipal Judge John Kinslow.

Judge Kinslow administered the Constitutional Oath of Office to Barbara Moeller, Stanley Haywood and Michael Baxter and welcomed them to the Council. Statutory Oath will be administered directly following the meeting.

4. Declare New Administration to Begin - Mayor Powell.

Mayor Powell declared the new administration to begin.

5. Roll Call - New Administration.

Mayor Powell asked that the roll be called for the new administration.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: G. Wayne Smith, Ward One

James H. Hanna, Ward Two

Glenn Devine, Ward Three

John Purcell, Ward Four

Robert Shanklin, Ward Five

Barbara Moeller, Ward Six

Stanley Haywood, Ward Seven

Michael Baxter, Ward Eight

ABSENT: None.

6. Comments - New Administration.

Moeller said it was a pleasure being here and thanked the Ward 6 voters. She thanked Beller for his courtesy and gracious assistance in the transition. Moeller thanked her family and friends and said she was looking forward to serving.

Baxter thanked the Ward 8 voters for electing him to the Council. He said he would make an attempt to do the best he could to help the City progress into the future.

Mayor Powell welcomed the two new members, as well as Haywood who was sworn in for another term. He said there are many challenges and he looked forward to the contributions that would be made.

ADDENDUM BUSINESS ITEM:

1. Pursuant to Section 307B4, Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, consider convening in executive session to discuss the case styled International Association of Firefighters, Local 1882, v. The County Election Board for Comanche County, Oklahoma, and City of Lawton, Case No. 94530, filed in the Supreme Court of the State of Oklahoma, and if necessary, take appropriate action in open session. Exhibits: None.

Mayor Powell asked for a motion to convene in executive session after a 15 minute break to allow the members to enjoy the moment with those who had come down to witness the swearing in.

MOVED by Smith, SECOND by Purcell, to convene in executive session, after a 15 minute break, to consider the item so listed on the agenda and recommended by the legal staff. AYE: Hanna, Devine, Purcell, Shanklin, Moeller, Haywood, Baxter, Smith. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

The Mayor and Council convened in executive session at approximately 9 a.m. and reconvened in special, open session at approximately 9:10 a.m. with roll call reflecting all members present.

The City Attorney reported the Mayor and Council entered into executive session pursuant to Section 307B4, Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, to consider the case styled International Association of Firefighters, Local 1882, v. The County Election Board for Comanche County, Oklahoma, and City of Lawton, Case No. 94530. He said the purpose was to discuss a potential settlement conference on May 17, and recommended that Devine, Baxter, Purcell and Smith be appointed as the Council's settlement conference representatives.

MOVED by Smith, SECOND by Purcell, that Devine, Baxter, Purcell and Smith be appointed as the Council's settlement conference representatives. AYE: Purcell, Shanklin, Moeller, Haywood, Baxter, Smith, Hanna, Devine. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

There was no further business to consider and the meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m. upon motion, second and roll call vote.

MINUTES  
LAWTON CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
MAY 1, 2000 - 6:00 P.M.  
WAYNE GILLEY CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER

Mayor Cecil E. Powell,      Also Present:  
Presiding      Bill Baker, City Manager  
                 John Vincent, City Attorney  
                 Brenda Smith, City Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Powell. Notice of meeting and agenda were posted on the City Hall notice board as required by State Law.

#### ROLL CALL

PRESENT: G. Wayne Smith, Ward One

James H. Hanna, Ward Two

Glenn Devine, Ward Three

John Purcell, Ward Four

Robert Shanklin, Ward Five

Barbara Moeller, Ward Six

Stanley Haywood, Ward Seven

Michael Baxter, Ward Eight

ABSENT: None.

#### BUSINESS ITEM:

1. Hold a public hearing to consider the Consolidated One-Year Action Plan for 1 July 2000 thru 30 June 2001, receive input from citizens, provide input for final plan, and if appropriate pass a resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute documents submitting the plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and to execute the Grant Agreement when HUD requests such document be executed and to execute other documents required by HUD to implement the CDBG and HOME programs. Exhibits: List of Funding Requests; Two Alternatives for Funding; Resolution No. 00-\_\_\_\_.

Frank Pondrom, Housing & Community Development Director, said this item was tabled at the last City Council meeting. He explained that the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Program are the two federal grants received through the Consolidated Plan. Eligible activities must meet the national objectives to eliminate slums and blight, benefit low and moderate income persons, and other urgent needs. Each of these categories was explained by Pondrom. Program income of \$48,000 has been identified and total funding available is \$1,166,759. Slides were shown giving three alternatives as to how funds may be allocated. The public service category may not exceed 15% of available funds. Pondrom said staff recommendation is for approval of Alternative C.

#### PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

The following persons spoke to request funding for their needs or organizations: Charlie Baer, Executive Director of Christian Family Counseling Center; Angela and Sam Moyd of the ZOE Christian Center for Youth With A Purpose and Adult Education Placement; Annette Dawkins, Executive Director of the Northside Chamber of Commerce; Lisa Stein, Terry Rousy and Kathy Cagle for the Not Yet Program and Youth Job Development through the Area Prevention Resource Center; O'Dell Gunter, Executive Director of Great Plains Improvement Foundation for the MedTrans Project; Susan Clark, Executive Director for the New Directions Womens' Shelter; Daniel Moore, resident, for street repair in Lawton View in the noise abatement area; Kelly Ferguson for the Marie Detty Youth & Family Service Center; Glen Mayes, Taliaferro Community Mental Health Center, for a matching amount for a HUD grant for a Continuum of Care Project; Pat Paige, Weed & Seed Project, requested water line repair and help with standing water at 23rd and Williams; and Jeff Henderson, Executive Director of Hospice.

#### PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

Discussion was held on Hospice not spending their total allocation from the current year and if that funding could continue into the next year by renewing the existing contract using the funds already allocated. Staff will confirm whether this is acceptable. Councilmen expressed a desire to be able to fund all requests but pointed out the limitation on funds available. Baxter suggested the \$5,000 for loans for the Housing Authority residents be used instead for Marie Detty. An Authority representative appeared to speak in favor of the Housing Authority's request.

Mayor Powell suggested the item be returned at the next Council meeting to allow time for the comments made tonight to be considered by the Council and to allow staff to find answers to the questions asked.

Discussion was held on funding for Wonderland Park, which should have been shown as Mocine Park, on renovation of the Mattie Beal home, and on providing funding for a transportation consultant. MedTrans, public transportation and a demand transit system were discussed. Support was not expressed for the hiring of a transportation consultant.

MOVED by Devine, SECOND by Hanna, to proceed with the direction given. AYE: Baxter, Smith, Hanna, Devine, Purcell, Shanklin, Moeller, Haywood. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

#### COMMENTS

Shanklin said water was standing in his alley due to repairs made by ARKLA Gas. He expressed appreciation to staff for helping resolve this problem.

There being no further business to consider, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. upon motion, second and roll call vote.